



Supervisor Ralph Buona's Ashburn District



NEWS FLASH

Good afternoon Ashburn friends and neighbors,

Loudoun achieved another "big win" yesterday!

After almost a year's worth of work on the part of myself and certain other Supervisors, I am proud to announce that the Children's Science Center Museum (CSC), a recognized leader in STEM education for preschool and school-aged children in Northern Virginia, announced their selection of Loudoun County for the site of their permanent museum. The museum's future location will be in Kincora, an approved mixed-use development at the intersection of Routes 28 and 7. CSC plans to build a 50,000 square-foot facility with 33,000 square feet dedicated to interactive exhibit areas and active visitor space. In addition to hands-on, experiential learning exhibits and activities, the center will offer 240 classes per year for children ages 1-19. The center is expected to bring an estimated 300,000-plus visitors a year into Loudoun County and will be the only full-scale, interactive STEM-focused children's museum within the D.C. metro area.



Chairman York, CSC Executive Director Nene Spivy, Supervisor Shawn Williams and Supervisor Ralph Buona.

The construction of the museum, at an estimated investment of \$40 million, will bring 32 full-time and 11 part-time jobs to the county and further expand the offering of extracurricular activities for Loudoun's school-aged children. The center's location at Kincora will create a civic and cultural focus to the pedestrian-friendly development where visitors to the museum will also be able to walk to neighborhood restaurants and shops. They will also have access to the 165-acre Kincora park, which will include a wetlands overlook and a Broad Run linear trail. In recognition of these benefits, the Loudoun Board approved a \$250,000 grant to the CSC consisting of building fee waivers and cash that will help offset costs of the museum's first two years of operation. The grant will be provided subsequent to CSC raising their necessary capital construction costs.

I firmly believe the Children's Science Center will be the *crown jewel* of Loudoun's already vibrant youth-focused recreation and education asset base. Loudoun families are highly educated and focused on STEM learning opportunities for their children. The Children's Science Center will further augment the educational needs of our children while also being an excellent draw for visitors. Significant educational and economic development benefits will accrue as a result of our cooperative and successful efforts to bring the CSC to Loudoun.

[Complete news release.](#)

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